

Atty. Dkt. No. 100110288-1RECEIVED  
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This application is currently under appeal, though an appeal brief has not yet been filed. It is believed that the above-amendments place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Therefore, applicants request entry of the amendments pursuant to 37 CFR § 41.33 and § 1.116.

Particularly, claim 17 was dependent from claim 14, which was previously canceled. Therefore, claim 17 is made to depend from independent claim 13.

Claims 18 and 19 are made dependent from claim 17 which provides antecedent basis for the phrase "the stop condition."

Claim 6 is made to depend from independent claim 1, so that the dependency of claim 6 (which is a method claim) corresponds to that of corresponding claim 20 (which is a system claim).

Claim 23 is made to depend from independent claim 13, so that the dependency of claim 23 (which is a system claim) corresponds to that of corresponding claim 9 (which is a method claim).

Should there be any questions regarding this amendment, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (408) 293-9000 so that any such issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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